

What is claimed is:

1. A method for protection against stroke, comprising the steps of:
 - inserting a distal end of a catheter into a carotid artery;
 - locating a first expandable member within a common carotid artery;
 - locating a second expandable member within an external carotid artery;

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and

expanding the first expandable member to occlude the common carotid artery.